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TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM NO. 210.

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE  
FOKKER SOARING FLIGHT CONTEST OVER WATER OR LEVEL LAND.\*

Art. 1.- The Governing Board of the Rhön Soaring-Flight Contest offers, on behalf of Mr. A. H. G. Fokker, Amsterdam, the following prize for a soaring flight over water or level land.

Art. 2.- The prize of 400 Holland guildens will be awarded the contestant who, by December 31, 1923, makes the first flight of at least 20 minutes on an engineless airplane over water or level land.

Art. 3.- The contest is international, but the flights must be made in Germany. Any contestant who is not a German citizen, must, with his application, furnish proof that no discrimination is made against Germans in aviation contests in his own country. Exceptions may be made to this rule only in favor of those who are really of German nationality, though not politically so.

Any individual or juridical person (such as a partnership, corporation, estate, or governmental department), owning the aircraft to be flown, may be admitted as contestants. All allegations must be proven.

Persons disqualified by the "Segelflug Gesellschaft" (Soaring Flight Society) are excluded from the contest.

Art. 4.- Whether any given region will be regarded as level

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land shall be decided, on previous application, by the Governing Board or by a committee appointed by it. Such a request should be addressed to the office of the Rhön Soaring Flight Contest, Robert Mayer St. 2, Frankfort-on-the-Main, and must be accompanied by an accurate statement of the boundaries of the region within which the flight is to be confined and a map on the scale of 1/25000.

In flights over water, the contestants must keep at least 500 meters away from the shore.

Art. 5.- After the Governing Board, or the committee mentioned in Art. 4, has accepted the region in view as level land, the date of the proposed flight must be announced at the office, Robert Mayer St. 2, Frankfort-on-the-Main. If the flight does not take place within six weeks after the announcement, a new announcement is required.

Art. 6.- Any manner of starting is permissible, but all connection with the ground or water must be broken at a height of not over 100 meters. After a flight of 20 minutes, the aircraft must not be below the height at which it was released, errors of 10% being disregarded.

The aircraft must be constantly within sight of two sport witnesses.

Art. 7.- Before undertaking the flight, the following documents must be left with the Governing Board:

- a) Two photographs of the aircraft, a front and a side view;

- b) A brief description by the contestant or by the designer of the aircraft;
- c) A signed declaration of ownership of the aircraft by the contestant (See Art. 4).
- d) Description of region where the flight is to be attempted (See Art. 4).

Within a month after the flight, the following documents must be presented at the Frankfort office:

1. A certificate, by two authorized witnesses, that the flight was made and that it was confined within the prescribed limits;
2. A certificate, likewise by two authorized witnesses, concerning the accomplished performance;
3. A description of the starting method with the length of starting rope, certified by witnesses;
4. Description of flight by pilot with affidavit of correctness;
5. A barogram from a sealed barograph given the pilot by the witnesses before the flight.

Art. 8.- The prize will be awarded by a Board of Judges, consisting of seven members appointed by the Governing Board, the award to be made within 14 days after the receipt of the documents specified in Art. 7.

Art. 9.- No appeal can be made to the decision of the Board of Judges.

Art. 10.- The prize shall be paid to the contestant.

Art. 11.- In case no contestant shall fulfill the conditions, the Governing Board reserves the right to award a suitable consolation prize.

Art. 12.- The Governing Board disclaims all responsibility, for itself and the Board of Judges, to the pilot, persons employed by the contestant and all other persons.

(Signed) Dr. h. c. Kotzenberg.

Frankfort-on-the-Main, April 5, 1923.

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